



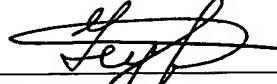
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Applicant : Joseph Ross McNeal

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Title : PIVOTABLE STRAP-BUCKLE ASSEMBLY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on April 26, 2003. Enclosed is the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2003, applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 6-18, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicant hereby cancels claims 1-5 and 19-21 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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